

June 27, 2023
 DPH-SAPC CAL-AIM PREPARATION
 PROVIDER PAYMENT REFORM MEETING
[PowerPoint Presentation and Video Recording](#)
[Capacity Building & Incentives New Email: SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov)

	QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
1.	How can providers access the files shared during this meeting?	<p>Please use the links below to access the files shared during this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation • FY 23-24 Capacity Building Package • FY 23-24 Incentives Package • SAPC Bulletin 23-07 • Capacity Building Initiative (CBI) Decision Making Tool • Invoice 1: Start-up Funds Attestation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1D-1 Tuition Participants Form • Invoice 2: Deliverable Based Efforts • Invoice 3: Incentives Verification • FY 23-24 Standards Rates Matrix • Video Recording • List of SAPC's Contracted Harm Reduction Providers
2.	What steps should agencies take if they wish to participate in the Capacity Building Initiative funding opportunities?	<p>Agencies should follow these steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Capacity Building and Incentives (CBI) packages to learn more about the CBI funding activities. Use the Decision-Making Tool to assess your agency's funding potential based on the activities selected. 2. If you wish to participate, complete and sign Invoice 1: Start-up Funds Attestation indicating which activities your agency has chosen to participate in. 3. Submit Invoice 1 to SAPC by July 28, 2023 to the following email: SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov
3.	How should providers address confusion around tier level when reviewing SAPC Bulletin 23-07 along with the Capacity Building and Incentives Packages?	<p>SAPC confirmed tier levels based on contract utilization. Please review questions 2 - 6 of the FAQs from the March 26th Payment Reform Meeting for a description about tiered and non-tiered levels and how they are calculated.</p> <p>Providers are encouraged to submit any additional questions to SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov</p>
4.	How can providers reach out to the CIBHS team?	<p>You can find the name and email for the CIBHS team below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Mcilvaine amcilvaine@cibhs.org • Chris Botten cbotten@cibhs.org • Pranab Banskota pbanskota@cibhs.org • Leslie Dishman ldishman@cibhs.org • Krystal Edwards kedwards@cibhs.org

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Capacity Building Area 1: Workforce Development		
5.	<p>a. Do counselors have to be registered and employed prior to April 1, 2023 to receive start-up funds under area 1D-1 Expedited Counselor Training?</p> <p>b. In Capacity Building area 1D-1, can staff who were hired and provided a Sage account with C-number before April 1, 2023, but became a registered counselor after that date still be considered for the education incentive?</p>	<p>a. Yes, providers requesting start-up funds under area 1D-1 must verify their direct service registered counselors are employed as of April 1, 2023. Providers must submit Invoice 1: Start-up Funds Attestation to request the funds to support registered counselors with their costs for completing certification coursework and related expenses and using this form, attach a list of employees who were employed as of April 1, 2023 and delivered direct services who will receive these supportive funds. Please reference page 6 of the Capacity Building Package for additional information.</p> <p>b. No. Capacity Building 1D-1 funding is intended to help agencies implement processes that support their direct-service registered counselors employed before April 1, 2023 become certified. The overall goal is for agencies to implement their own long-term sustainable processes that will help grow and retain their SUD counselor workforce while utilizing their own revenue streams. Therefore, agencies are strongly encouraged to implement similar efforts with revenue generated from increased rates to support their registered counselors who were hired after this cutoff date to become certified.</p>
6.	Can registered counselors receive the remaining allocated amount as stipend if there is any left over?	No, the funds are for reimbursement of costs associated with becoming certified. These funds can be used for direct tuition and other costs (e.g., books) as well as to support other needs such as paid time off to take courses.
7.	Can providers reimburse direct service registered counselors for paid time off if they are taking courses after July 1, 2023?	Yes. Providers would need to implement a process for documenting on the registered counselor's timesheet for time taken off to attend classes that lead toward SUD counselor certification. Providers would also need to obtain a copy of the registered counselor's official class schedule to verify enrollment.
Capacity Building Area 2: Access to Care - Reaching the 95%		
8.	Can R95 funds be accessed without completion of 2D-2 new discharge policy?	No. Under Access to Care Category, Reaching the 95% (R95) 2D-1-R95 Admission Policy and 2D-2-R95 Discharge Policy are both required to participate in any of the other R95 Efforts.
9.	When should the providers start making connections with other entities (2A-1)? And how do we document the process?	Activities need to start after July 1, 2023. SAPC will provide guidelines on needed documentation.

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10.	Does the 2A-2 New Partnership plan submitted need to meet a page requirement?	SAPC/CIBHS will be conducting trainings to highlight specific areas that require detailed information. However, there is no page requirement. The plan will be accepted as long as the required areas are completed.
11.	We are a provider with multiple locations/sites. Can we request funding for each location?	No. All of the capacity-building funding opportunities are at the agency level, except for 2E-2-Customer Walk-through which provides per site funding. To request funding for 2E-2, submit Invoice 1: Start-up Funds Attestation by July 28, 2023.
12.	Is the agency funded once they obtain a Memorandum of Understanding (2A-3, 2B-1, or 2F-2) with New Partner Entities?	To be funded, agencies submit Invoice 1 Attestation (due date now extended to July 28, 2023) and receive startup funds before executing the MOU. SAPC will issue a document at a future date for providers to verify completion of all start-up fund efforts committed to by respective providers.
13.	Is there a listing of recognized Harm Reduction providers?	Yes, SAPC has a page dedicated to Harm Reduction Information which includes links to LA County EOP Hub Programs , and additional LA County DPH-certified harm reduction syringe service programs are listed on RecoverLA . For specific questions about whether a specific harm reduction program not otherwise listed via these resources, please notify SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov .
14.	Would an in-house harm reduction program qualify for the 2F-1-Bidirectional Referrals for Low Barrier Care requirement?	No. For 2F-1, start-up funding is to be used to establish MOUs with new external harm reduction partners. In-house harm reduction programs do not count for the purpose of building new bidirectional referrals for low barrier care with external partners. Additionally, existing relationships with external harm reduction partners do not qualify for the incentive deliverable; rather this incentive is to develop new MOUs with external harm reduction programs to facilitate bidirectional referrals for low barrier care. Providers will be paid before meeting with new partners and executing MOUs. For questions about whether a specific organization or partnership would apply, inquire via SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov
Capacity Building Area 3: Fiscal and Operational Efficiency		
15.	Can providers use the Accounting Systems and Capacity Funds to pay for consultant fees under the Fiscal and Operational Efficiency Capacity Building (3A-1)?	Yes, funds may be used for consultant fees.
Capacity-Building: Invoices		
16.	a. Where should providers send the Invoice 1: Start-	a. Please submit the invoice to SAPC-CBI@ph.lacounty.gov .

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	<p>up Funds Attestation that is due on 7/15/23?</p> <p>b. We previously submitted Invoice 1. Do we need to resubmit?</p>	<p>b. Yes, due to contractual requirements, only Invoices received after July 1, 2023 can be accepted.</p>
Incentives		
17.	Can providers be paid if 40% of their counseling staff is already certified?	Yes, the quality metric requires that at least 40% of your counseling staff be already certified to receive the incentive.
18.	Which invoice needs to be submitted to request incentives?	Please review Invoice 3: Incentive Metrics Completion Verification . SAPC will inform providers when Invoice 3 is due. It cannot be submitted now, because agencies must demonstrate completion/adherence throughout the fiscal year.
Additional Questions		
19.	Is there a standard pay rate for Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) interns?	SAPC has not defined a pay rate for interns at this time.
20.	How can providers become a TIP internship site?	Please review the May 2nd Provider Meeting PowerPoint for information on becoming an internship site.
21.	Are peer-support specialists the only staff that can provide and bill for therapeutic services?	No, Peer Support Specialists can provide therapeutic services in addition to engagement and other services as outlined in BHIN 22-026 . Credentialed staff members who are qualified to provide the appropriate therapeutic services can offer and bill for the respective service. Peer Support Specialists can bill for Peer Support Services using codes H0025 Behavioral Health Prevention Education Services and H0038 Self-Help/Peer Services. More information regarding Peer Support Services can be found in SAPC Information Notice 23-04 .
22.	How can providers gain a better understanding of the organizational changes between LA County Departments of Mental Health and Public Health as a result of Behavioral Health Administrative Integration ? Is there any forecast on <i>contractual eligibility</i> or <i>Statement of Work</i> ?	Providers can refer to the DHCS BH Admin Integration Concept Paper posted at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/Concept-Paper-for-Behavioral-Health-Administrative-Integration-January.pdf for the organizational changes DHCS is envisioning. At this time there are no further details available.

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23.	Does the DHCS Alcohol and/or Other Drug Program (AOD) Certification Standards allow for non-abstinent admissions?	There are no AOD Certification standards that prevent a SAPC provider agency from admitting or working with a patient who is non-abstinent outside of the hours that the patient is specifically participating in on-site treatment. SAPC is advocating to update the California Code of Regulation Title. 9 Section 10572 to create more flexibility to provide lower-barrier care to patients.
24.	Once verified through DHCS, would Medicare billing only apply to Outpatient/Inpatient/Medical (OIM) services?	Correct, Medicare billing would only apply to Scope of Coverage codes OIM as those are associated to the SUD services. Visit the Other Health Coverage (OHC) Provider Billing Manual for more information on Scope of Coverage related to OIM.
25.	Will SAPC provide Public Service Announcements to educate the public about SUD treatment?	SAPC has Public Awareness and Media Campaigns listed on http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc and via http://www.recoverla.org to educate the public about SUD treatment.

Links provided:

DPH COVID-19 Website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>